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AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC UP 18.4% IN APRIL, 14% IN FIRST FOUR MONTHS

WASHINGTON, D.C., May 18--Airline passenger traffic rose 18.4 percent in April, and was up 14 percent for the first four months of 1987, the Air Transport Association reported today.

In domestic service, traffic grew 16.6 percent in April, compared to the same month last year. Available seat miles rose 10.6 percent, raising passenger load factor to 65.2 percent, up from 61.8 percent in April, 1986.

In international service, traffic in April rose 27.5 percent, compared to April, 1986. Available seat miles rose 7.6 percent, raising passenger load factor to 63.0 percent, up from 53.1 percent in April of last year.

For the first four months of 1987, domestic traffic was up by 13.6 percent over the same period of 1986. Available seat miles were up 11.0 percent, raising passenger load factor to 61.5 percent from 60.1 percent for the first four months of 1986.

International traffic for the first four months of 1987 was up 16.3 percent, while available seat miles were up 8.5 percent. Passenger load factor rose to 60.2 percent, compared to 56.2 percent for the first four months of 1986.

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PRELIMINARY PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

APRIL 1987 - 1986

		APRIL			YEAR TO DATE		
	YEAR	RPM'S (000)	ASM'S (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)	RPM'S (000)	ASM'S (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)
DOMESTIC	87	27,689,410	42,475,554	65.2	101,824,833	165,486,821	61.5
	86	23,738,926	38,393,068	61.8	89,660,926	149,083,418	60.1
PERCENT CHANGE		16.6	10.6		13.6	11.0	
INTERNATIONAL	87	5,650,902	8,975,053	63.0	20,276,672	33,694,988	60.2
	86	4,430,996	8,343,089	53.1	17,440,706	31,056,568	56.2
PERCENT CHANGE		27.5	7.6		16.3	8.5	
TOTAL	87	33,340,312	51,450,607	64.8	122,101,505	199,181,809	61.3
	86	28,169,922	46,736,157	60.3	107,101,632	180,139,986	59.5
PERCENT CHANGE		18.4	10.1		14.0	10.6	

CARRIERS INCLUDED: AMERICAN, CONTINENTAL, DELTA, EASTERN, NORTHWEST, PAN AM, PIEDMONT, TRANS WORLD, UNITED, USAIR, WESTERN, AIRCAL, ALASKA, ALOHA, BRANIFF, HAWAIIAN, MIDWAY, PSA, SOUTHWEST AND TRANSTAR.